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Report of the Secretary-General

Summary

The present report has been prepared in accordance with paragraph 5 (d) of the annex to General Assembly resolution 58/316. It contains the draft programme of work of the plenary for the seventy-second session of the General Assembly. The draft programmes of work of five of the six Main Committees of the Assembly, which were approved by the Assembly, can be found in the respective decisions of the Assembly. The status of documentation will be issued as an addendum to the present report.

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I. Introduction

1. The General Assembly, in paragraph 5 (d) of the annex to its resolution 58/316 on further measures for the revitalization of the work of the Assembly, decided that in July of each year the General Committee would conduct a review of the proposed programme of work for the forthcoming session of the Assembly, on the basis of a report submitted by the Secretary-General, and would also submit recommendations on the matter to the Assembly at its forthcoming session. The report would include information on the status of documentation to be issued during the forthcoming session.

2. The present report has been prepared in response to that request.

3. The draft programmes of work of the Main Committees, with the exception of the Fifth Committee,[1] have been approved by the respective Committees and were adopted by the General Assembly in the following decisions: First Committee (decision 71/518); Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (decision 71/522); Second Committee (decision 71/543); Third Committee (decision 71/538); and Sixth Committee (decision 71/528).

4. With a view to assisting the General Committee and the General Assembly in their efforts to maximize both effectiveness and efficiency, the present report contains the draft programme of work of the plenary for the seventy-second session. The draft programmes of the Main Committees are available in the respective decisions.

5. The status of documentation will be issued as an addendum to the present report.

II. Draft programme of work of the plenary for the seventy-second session of the General Assembly

First week (12-15 September)

Tuesday, 12 September p.m.	Opening of the session by the President of the General Assembly [1][2]
	Minute of silent prayer or meditation [2]
	Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee [3 (a)]
Wednesday, 13 September	Meeting of the General Committee
Friday, 15 September	Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: first report of the General Committee [7]

[1] The Fifth Committee has not taken a decision on this matter.

[2] Items and their numbers cited herein are from the preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the seventy-second session (A/72/50). All items are pending approval by the General Assembly at its seventy-second session for their inclusion in the agenda and allocation for consideration. Some items that are on the preliminary list but not reflected in this draft programme are omitted either in accordance with relevant resolutions and decisions of the Assembly or for scheduling at a later date.

Second week (18-22 September)

Tuesday, 19 September to Saturday, 23 September a.m. and p.m.	General debate [8][3]

Third week (25-29 September)

Monday, 25 September a.m. and p.m.	General debate [8]
Wednesday, 27 and Thursday, 28 September a.m. and p.m.	High-level meeting of the General Assembly on the appraisal of the United Nations Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons (resolution 71/287)

Fourth week (2-6 October)

	[Organizational, administrative and other matters]
Wednesday, 4 October a.m.	Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization [111]

Fifth week (9-13 October)

	[Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences; Organizational, administrative and other matters]
Monday, 9 October	1. Report of the Economic and Social Council [9]; Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields [14]: *joint debate*
	2. Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields [14]; Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit [118]; Strengthening of the United Nations system [124 (a) and (b)]; United Nations reform: measures and proposals [125]: *joint debate*
	[Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences]
Friday, 13 October	Sport for development and peace [11 (a) and (b)]

[3] As the first item before the opening of the general debate, the Secretary-General will present his report on the work of the Organization.

Sixth week (16-20 October)	
	[Organizational, administrative and other matters]
Monday, 16 October	Election of fifteen members of the Human Rights Council [115 (d)]
	[Promotion of justice and international law; Organizational, administrative and other matters]
Wednesday, 18 October p.m.	Report of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [76]; International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals [130]: *joint debate*
	[Development of Africa; Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences]
Friday, 20 October	New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support [67 (a) and (b)]; 2001-2010: Decade to Roll Back Malaria in Developing Countries, Particularly in Africa [13]: *joint debate*
Seventh week (23-27 October)	
Tuesday, 24 October	*United Nations Day Concert*
	[Promotion of justice and international law]
Thursday, 26 October a.m.	Report of the International Court of Justice [75]
Eighth week (30 October-3 November)	
	[Promotion of justice and international law]
Monday, 30 October	Report of the International Criminal Court [77]
	[Maintenance of international peace and security]
Wednesday, 1 November	Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba [42]
	[Promotion of human rights]
Thursday, 2 November	Report of the Human Rights Council [68]
Ninth week (6-10 November)	
	[Organizational, administrative and other matters]
Thursday, 9 November	Election of five members of the International Court of Justice [114 (c)]
	[Disarmament]
Friday, 10 November	Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency [90]

Tenth week (13-17 November)	
	[Organizational, administrative and other matters]
Monday, 13 November	Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations [121]; Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly [122]: *joint debate*
	[Organizational, administrative and other matters]
Thursday, 16 November	Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Security Council [123]
	[Organizational, administrative and other matters]
Friday, 17 November	1. Election of twenty members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination [115 (a)]
	2. Appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences [116 (f)]
	3. Interaction between the United Nations, national parliaments and the Inter-Parliamentary Union [127]
Eleventh week (20-24 November)	
	[Maintenance of international peace and security]
Monday, 20 November	The situation in Afghanistan [39]
Thursday, 23 November	*Official United Nations holiday (Thanksgiving)*
Twelfth week (27 November-1 December)	
	[Maintenance of international peace and security]
Wednesday, 29 November p.m. — Thursday, 30 November a.m. and p.m.	1. Question of Palestine [38]
	2. The situation in the Middle East [37]
Thirteenth week (4-11 December)	
	[Promotion of justice and international law]
Tuesday, 5 December	Oceans and the law of the sea [78 (a) and (b)]
	[Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences; Organizational, administrative and other matters]
Wednesday, 6 December	1. Culture of peace [15]
	2. Global health and foreign policy [128]
	3. Investigation into the conditions and circumstances resulting in the tragic death of Dag Hammarskjöld and of the members of the party accompanying him [131]

	[Effective coordination of humanitarian assistance efforts]
Thursday, 7 December	Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance [74 (a) to (c)]
Monday, 11 December	Report of the Credentials Committee [3 (b)]
	Improving global road safety [12]
	Elimination of unilateral extraterritorial coercive economic measures as a means of political and economic compulsion [32]
	Support by the United Nations system of efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies [33]
	The role of diamonds in fuelling conflict [34]
	Prevention of armed conflict [35 (a) and (b)]
	Protracted conflicts in the GUAM area and their implications for international peace, security and development [36]
	The situation in the occupied territories in Azerbaijan [40]
	Election of the Executive Director of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme [115 (b)]
	Election of two members of the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission [115 (c)]
	Appointment of the judges of the United Nations Dispute Tribunal [116 (h)]
	International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [129]
	Global awareness of the tragedies of irregular migrants in the Mediterranean basin, with specific emphasis on Syrian asylum seekers [132]
	(11 December: end of 13 weeks)

Plenary items not scheduled for consideration during the main part of the session

Election of the President of the General Assembly [4]

Election of the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly [6]

Implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS and the political declarations on HIV/AIDS [10]

Report of the Security Council [30] (see S/2015/944)

Report of the Peacebuilding Commission [31]; Peacebuilding and sustaining peace [66]; Report of the Secretary-General on the Peacebuilding Fund [112]: *joint debate*

Request for an advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the legal consequences of the separation of the Chagos Archipelago from Mauritius in 1965 [89]

Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations [113]

Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council [114 (a)][4]

Election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council [114 (b)][4]

Approval of the appointment of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [116 (g)]

The United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy [119]

Commemoration of the abolition of slavery and the transatlantic slave trade [120]

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[4] The General Assembly, in its resolution 68/307, decided to conduct the elections of the non-permanent members of the Security Council and the members of the Economic and Social Council about six months before the elected members assume their responsibilities, beginning at the seventieth session.